

# **Transportation Commission Minutes**

## **January 26, 2011**

*Public Works Department Staff – Gail Payne* - called the Transportation Commission to order at 7:33 p.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

Roll was called and the following was recorded:

Members Present:

Philip Tribuzio  
Thomas G. Bertken  
Jesus Vargas  
Kathy Moehring  
Kirsten Zazo

Staff Present:

Obaid Khan, Supervising Civil Engineer  
Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator

### **2. Minutes**

None

### **3. Oral Communications – Non-Agenda**

#### ***Transportation Commission Member Introductions***

- Kirsten Zazo: She is the coordinator of student services for the Alameda Unified School District.
- Tom Bertken: He is a resident of Alameda. He has been involved in transportation projects in the Bay Area for many years. He is retired.
- Jesus Vargas: He is a resident of Alameda and a parent of three. He has been involved in transportation for several years working for the state and has his own consulting firm.
- Kathy Moehring: She is the executive director of the West Alameda Business Association so is the representative from the business community.
- Philip Tribuzio: He is a resident of Alameda, and is retired.

## **4. New Business**

### ***4A. Presentation of December 2010 Quarterly Report on Activities Related to Transportation Policies and Plans***

*Staff Payne* summarized the staff report, and provided details on each plan mentioned in the report.

#### **Open public hearing.**

*Commissioner Vargas* asked about the timing of the bicycle design guidelines.

*Staff Khan* responded that the bicycle design guidelines is currently an administrative draft, and will be in the public arena in April.

*Commissioner Bertken* asked whether Alameda Point is moving forward and if there is another developer.

*Staff Khan* responded that the City is taking the lead on the development process for Alameda Point.

*Commissioner Bertken* asked when the TSM/TDM Plan will come to the Transportation Commission.

*Staff Khan* responded that the City could provide the results of efforts to date at a future Transportation Commission meeting in February or March.

*Commissioner Vargas* asked about consideration for the schools and getting kids to walk to school. He wanted to know if it had been incorporated into the Pedestrian Plan.

*Staff Payne* responded that Safe Routes to School is a line item in the Pedestrian Plan, which will assist the City in obtaining Safe Routes to School funding.

*Staff Khan* responded that the Public Works Department works with the schools and the District to create school route plans and maps. Parents have been asked to comment on the existing school route maps. The Public Works Department continues to update them each year. *Staff Khan* also stated that the City is working with the school district on future school location changes and the subsequent transportation impacts.

*Commissioner Bertken* asked where he could find these planning documents to review them on the City's web site.

*Staff Khan* responded that the Public Works Department staff will send a web site link with that information or will provide hard copies of the plans, if requested.

*Staff Payne* responded that the planning documents are located on the City of Alameda's

web site under the Public Works Department web page with the title “Transportation.”

**Close public hearing.**

No action was taken.

**4B. Election of Transportation Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

*Staff Khan* explained the work involved for a Chair and a Vice Chair.

**Open public hearing.**

*Commissioner Moehring* stated that she is not comfortable with nominating and electing a Chair and Vice Chair at this time because there are so many new Transportation Commission members. She recommended having an Interim Chair and an Interim Vice Chair until the July meeting.

*Staff Khan* replied that it is the call of the Transportation Commission members.

**Close public hearing.**

*Commissioner Moehring* moved to recommend electing an Interim Chair and an Interim Vice Chair until the July meeting. *Commissioner Bertken* seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

*Commissioner Vargas* moved to elect Kathy Moehring as the Interim Chair. *Commissioner Bertken* seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

*Commissioner Tribuzio* moved to elect Tom Bertken as the Interim Vice Chair. *Commissioner Vargas* seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**5. Staff Communications**

***Additional City CarShare Pod – Public Parking Lot on Santa Clara Avenue***

*Staff Payne* stated that a new City CarShare pod has been installed at Public Lot W, which is at Santa Clara Avenue by Webster Street and adjacent to the farmers’ market on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The parking meter still needs to be removed at this spot.

*Commissioner Moehring* stated that she appreciates this work.

***Additional Bus Shelters on Webster Street***

*Staff Payne* stated that three new bus shelters have been installed on Webster Street – one at Atlantic and the other two at Buena Vista, in both directions.

*Commissioner Moehring* stated that she and the Elders Inn owner were thrilled to see the bus shelters and that they are working as they should. For example, bus passengers no longer sit at the gas pumps in front of the 76 station at Buena Vista Avenue.

### ***AC Transit Service Changes – March 2011***

*Staff Payne* stated that AC Transit service changes will occur on the last Sunday in March. The changes are as follows:

- Line 851 Extension to Fruitvale BART
- Line 31 Extension to Main Street Ferry Terminal
- Lines 20 and 31 Coordination
- Line 21 Coordination at Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal

### ***Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP/TEP) Update ([http://www.alamedactc.com/app\\_pages/view/795](http://www.alamedactc.com/app_pages/view/795))***

*Staff Khan* stated that the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is embarking on the CWTP/TEP effort, and explained the process.

*Commissioner Vargas* wanted to know if the Alameda CTC has developed any performance matrices that the Transportation Commission could review.

*Staff Khan* stated that he will bring the CWTP/TEP item to a future Transportation Commission meeting either in February or March with some information on evaluation criteria.

*Commissioner Moehring* wanted to know who from the City of Alameda is involved in the community advisory committee.

*Staff Khan* replied that he will provide that information when he goes over the CWTP/TEP item in a future Transportation Commission meeting.

*Commissioner Vargas* wanted to know how to become involved in the TEP or Measure B3 ballot initiative campaign.

*Staff Payne* stated that the campaign will begin in a later stage of the process. The Alameda CTC is at the beginning stages with developing this long-range plan, and is requesting input on transportation needs.

### ***Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Update ([http://www.actia2022.com/app\\_pages/view/1651](http://www.actia2022.com/app_pages/view/1651))***

*Staff Payne* explained that the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Update will be folded into the overarching Countywide Transportation Plan, and then incorporated into the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Transportation Plan.

***Alameda County Transportation Commission Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) Vacancy***

*Staff Payne* stated that a PAPCO vacancy exists.

***AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee Vacancy***

*Staff Payne* stated that an AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee vacancy exists.

***Future Meeting Agenda Items***

*Staff Payne* stated that future meeting agenda items for the February meeting look to be as follows:

The CWTP/TEP if the outreach toolbox is available from the Alameda CTC  
Alameda Point Community Planning Workbooks – results of community forums – presented by Andrew Thomas of the Community Development Department

Jon Spangler – as a charter Transportation Commission member - stated that he was thrilled to see five Transportation Commission members after close to one year of not being able to reach a quorum.

Elaine Kwan of UC Berkeley introduced herself as a student in a transportation planning course who lives in the City of Alameda. She asked for a bus route between Bay Farm Island and UC Berkeley.

*Commissioner Moehring* explained the recent state of transit on the island and the inefficiencies involved in running the longer lines.

*Staff Khan* suggested finding the most efficient transit lines using [www.511.org](http://www.511.org).

**6. Adjournment**

8:16 PM